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Usually I take a passive approach, but recent MICROSOFT ACTIONS ARE OUT OF ETHICAL LINES. I'm not sure if you've heard but MS is now advertising that you better have MS licenses or face steep fines and/or jail time. I'm not pro-SUN or pro-MS. I am for individuals and business to be rewarded fairly for intellectual and business properties, but I think all of these companies have scum bag business practices. In fact because I work as a net admin in a Cisco/Sun/MS shop and have been working on upgrades I've recently had to deal with Sun no prime no vaseline fu\$%^Ng. In the Sun case the company went in search of needed upgrades. What MS is basically doing is saying that they are going to come to your place of business and force you to upgrade to their latest software platforms. Of course MS are not directly saying that. Their taking the moral stance of appointing themselves as the software Gestapo who claims every company is using MS software illegally. The company I currently work for is a software company and believes highly that all software developed for business initiatives should be paid for. If they didn't they wouldn't be in business. I've been working in the technology field for over ten years with the last six directly involved in information systems. I have worked for many companies within that period of time and I have yet to work for one company that did not make it top priority to have software licenses for all software in use by the company. What MS is doing is wrong and even though it is NOT in the publics best interest it is supported by our government.

Should we allow one company to force their software on the entire computing community? The government thinks so because they have sponsored Microsoft's business practices, which have made it so other companies can not compete with Microsoft desktop office and Internet software, which in turn will make these forced Microsoft upgrades policies possible. Maybe the government should allow every company in the world to come to your home or place of business to force you to show them receipts for every item that you have in your possession. If you don't have a receipt for the item in your possession than the manufacturing company can confiscate any and all items and can willfully impose a fine unless you buy the companies latest product. Looks like the government loves this idea...

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